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MEDITERRANEAN POLICY DECISIONS

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1. FOLLOWING HIS 8:00 PM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
DIMITRIOU AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU,
FONMIN ROLANDIS CUMMONED DCM AND SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
DELIVER A VERY STRONG PROTEST TO THE USG ABOUT THE DECISION TO
RECOMMEND REPEAL OF SECTION 620(X). MAIN POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) THE GOC BELIEVES THAT THE DECISION OF THE CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION WILL HAVE DISASTEROUS EFFECTS AND WILL MAKE TURKEY MUCH
MORE INTRANSIGENT.

B) TURKEY USED U.S. ARMS TO INVADE CYPRUS. BY LIFTING THE
EMBARGO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION GIVES ITS BLESSING TO THE
ACT OF INVASION.

C) TURKEY HAS DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO IMPROVE THE
SITUATION SINCE 1974. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE CAUSED AN ACTUAL
DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION BY DEFYING REPEATED UN
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RESOLUTIONS.

D) TURKEY HAS ALREADY PROVED ITS INCONSISTENCY BY FAILING TO
COMPLY WITH PROMISES GIVEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO UNSYG WALDHEIM
AND MR. CLIFFORD. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOC CANNOT GIVE ANY CREDIT
TO ANY NEW PROMISES BY TURKEY.

E) WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WILL BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
A POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY THE

LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. THE EMBARGO, WHICH HAD VERY STRONG MORAL GROUNDS, WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST PRESSURES ON TURKEY TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

F) WE NOTE THAT APART FROM LIFTING THE EMBARGO, THE USG IS RECOMMENDING A LOAN TO TURKEY. THIS OF COURSE WILL BE INTERPRETED BY TURKEY AS AN APPROVAL OF ALL THE ILLEGAL ACTS IT HAS ALREADY COMMITTED IN CYPRUS.

G) WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. HAS CAVED IN TO THREATS OR PRESSURES OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND BY DOING SO HAS COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED THE INTERESTS OF CYPRUS WHICH ARE FOUNDED ON JUSTICE AND SUPPORTED BY UN RESOLUTIONS.

H) WE BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION OF THE USG WILL CREATE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OF BITTERNESS AND VERY STRONG PROTESTS IN GREECE AND CYPRUS. THERE WILL BE A COMPLETE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE MORAL CRITERIA USED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN REACHING ITS DECISIONS.

I) THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO THE PRE-ELECTION STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND ALSO TO THE PROMISES GIVEN TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.

2. ROLANDIS SAID THAT THE POINTS GIVEN ABOVE WOULD BE REFINED IN LANGUAGE BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE AND TRANSMITTED TO THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 3 IN A FORMAL WAY. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU WILL BE SEEKING AN EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER TO MAKE A SIMILAR DEMARCHE.

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3. ROLANDIS SAID KYPRIANOU WAS CONSIDERING MAKING AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC STATEMENT PROTESTING THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S DECISIONS. ROLANDIS WAS COUNSELING KYPRIANOU NOT TO DO SO. DCM SAID IN STRONGEST TERMS THAT GOC SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DECISION PACKAGE BEFORE IT IS ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. ROLANDIS NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU HAD NOT BEEN TOLD THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS UP WITH DIMITRIOU.

4. THE SHORT MEETING BROKE UP ON THAT NOTE AS ROLANDIS LEFT FOR PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S HOUSE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. DCM SAID HIS PERSONAL REACTION TO GOC POINTS IS THAT THEY FOCUS ON THE PAST. USG DECISION PACKAGE AND OTHER ACTIONS ON CYPRUS LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE PARTIES REACH A SOLUTION. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO ASSIGN BLAME FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION. ROLANDIS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S.'S GOOD MOTIVES BUT IT WAS EXACTLY PAST EXPERIENCE WHICH MADE GOC SOWARY ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.
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